

their communities throughout their lives, are typical of the hard-working Americans we represent across our great Nation.

I have known Fred and Betty for almost 40 years, beginning when I attended college with their son Larry at Southern Nazarene University. Married in Longview, Texas, on August 30, 1945, they worked for years at Sears—Fred for 33, and Betty for 8, after a career at JC Penney. After retirement, they moved to Carrollton, Texas, where they embarked on an active retirement in politics, as church volunteers, and as donors to those less fortunate than themselves.

Since moving to Carrollton, the Williams' dedication to the town and area has been unmatched. Fred has served two terms as the Denton County Grand Juror and two terms on the Denton County Appraisal Review Board. Additionally, both Betty and Fred have served as polling place election judges and assistants for over a decade throughout north Texas; including Dallas, Carrollton, Denton County, Farmers Branch Independent School District, and Lewisville Independent School District.

Fred and Betty have been involved in the Church of Nazarene for 60 years. Both have taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, worked with children and youth, and held official positions within the church—Fred as church treasurer and Betty as missionary society president. Furthermore, they have helped clean the church for 10 years, and conducted various duties for the benefit of missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and college students.

Fred and Betty embody the best of the American spirit of hard work and dedication to neighbors and community. They have raised three great children in addition to everything else they have done to improve the environment in which they live. It is with recognition of these accomplishments that I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking the Williams for their lifetime of service and congratulating them on 65 years of marriage.

CONGRATULATING COAST GUARD ACADEMY ON 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Coast Guard Academy on its 100 years of operation in New London, Connecticut and in support of H. Con. Res. 258, sponsored by my friend and colleague, Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut. Congratulations are due to the Commandant, the Superintendent, dedicated staff, cadets and all graduates of this fine U.S. Service Academy.

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy has educated and developed a century of U.S. leaders of character who have led and continue to lead men and women in the Coast Guard's unique role as a multi-mission, maritime military force. I am proud of those Minnesotans from my congressional district who have gone on to become leaders.

The role of the U.S. Coast Guard has grown beyond maritime safety and security. Particularly since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Coast Guard has answered the

call to serve our community, country and fellow citizens through critical service in protection of natural resources, management of maritime traffic, commerce and navigation and our national defense.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to submit this statement in honor of 100 years of excellence at the United States Coast Guard Academy. All Americans are fortunate to benefit from the leadership and service of its graduates.

TRIBUTE TO COMMERCIAL BANK

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Commercial Bank in West Liberty, Kentucky. Founded in January 1910, Commercial Bank has grown to serve Morgan, Wolfe, Magoffin and Elliott Counties, many of which are located in the 5th congressional district of eastern Kentucky.

The citizens of Morgan County have been served by Commercial Bank's one location in downtown West Liberty since the bank's founding 100 years ago. Like the other locally-owned banks across my district, Commercial Bank has a conservative lending approach that provides stability and security for the community. The bank is owned by 25 local investors in partnership with the employees of the institution.

Commercial Bank is dedicated to the local community and supports numerous activities that make West Liberty and Morgan County such a special place. The bank and its employees have been longtime supporters of civic clubs, youth sports, the local school system, and the annual Morgan County Sorghum Festival.

Commercial Bank is led today by Hank Allen who serves as president and chief executive officer. He is joined on the Board of Directors by a distinguished group of business and civic leaders which include Morris L. Peyton, Howard B. Elam, Jr., Bob Hutchison, Tommy Phipps, Earl May, Jr., Frank Oldfield, Kent Nickell, Robert Henderson, David Osborne, Joe S. Wells, Edward C. Keeton, Jr., William Holbrook, Jerry Murphy, Tommy Hill, Barrett Frederick, Tim Keller, William S. Wells, Robert Wells, Jimmy V. Hill, Proctor Blair, Henry L. Allen, Paul D. Kidd, Stanley Franklin, and Jeff Bailey.

Madam Speaker, the people of West Liberty and Morgan County will gather in early August at West Liberty's Old Mill Park to celebrate Commercial Bank's 100th anniversary. I am proud to serve the people of Morgan County here in Congress and wish to extend congratulations to Commercial Bank on its 100 years of service to West Liberty.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN FRANK ROBERTS (RET.)

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Captain Frank Roberts (ret.), a long-

time resident of Virginia Beach and a lifelong public servant, on the occasion of his retirement from the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance.

Frank Roberts is a 1969 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and had a distinguished 27-year active duty career with the U.S. Navy, retiring with rank of Captain. One of only 300 aviators ever to surpass 1000 carrier arrested landings, Frank is a graduate of the "Topgun" Navy Fighter Weapons School and the Naval War College. He has always welcomed professional challenges and never declined an opportunity to serve his country. The list of Frank's active duty assignments is long and many Naval personnel, both uniformed and civilian, count themselves fortunate for the opportunity to have served with, and learned from, Frank Roberts.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1996, Frank was employed by OC, Incorporated and provided military analytical support to the Joint Warfighting Center. From 1997 to 2003, Frank served as the Vice President and Director of Hampton Roads operations for Battlespace, Inc., where he supported joint unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) experimentation at U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM). From 2003 to 2006, Frank was employed by Old Dominion University Research Foundation and was assigned to USJFCOM to lead the Joint Operational Test Bed System UAV experimentation program focused on transforming intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

The Hampton Roads area was fortunate when Frank Roberts stepped in as the first Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance in 2006. The communities that comprise the Alliance—Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Isle of Wight, James City and York—selected Frank to lead the Alliance because of his expertise, his experience, his work ethic, and his dedication. Hampton Roads has played a critical role in America's national and homeland defense for generations. In Frank, the Alliance found an effective and tireless advocate on behalf of the region's unique capabilities and the Commonwealth's contributions to protecting our nation. During a time of great change and uncertainty due in part to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Frank's tenure as the head of HRMFFA will be remembered for his steadfast leadership as he navigated the Alliance through choppy waters to calmer seas.

Frank has been buoyed in his professional career by a loving family at home—his wife Joan, his son Jim, his late daughter Andrea and his grandchildren, Reagan and Lucas, have been a source of love and support. On behalf of the Second Congressional District, I would like to thank Frank Roberts and the Roberts family for his many years of public service to Virginia and to our nation. Frank Roberts is someone who answered the call to serve his country, and his service has made a difference. We wish you well, Frank, and hope you know how deeply grateful we are for your contributions.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
DEDICATION OF RUSSELL T.
VOUGHT

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Russell T. Vought's service to the United States Congress, our nation and the cause of individual liberty.

Russ began his service to the Congress immediately following his graduation from Wheaton College (Illinois) in 1998. After working briefly for retiring Senator Dan Coats, Russ joined the staff of Texas' senior senator and my political mentor, Senator Phil Gramm. During the four years Russ served on Senator Gramm's policy staff, he became a student of legislative procedure and mastered federal budget policy.

Russ joined my staff as Policy Director shortly after I was sworn into office in 2003. He served as my top advisor on budget issues and worked tirelessly to help me develop the Family Budget Protection Act, which was heralded by pro-taxpayer organizations as the "Gold Standard" of budget enforcement legislation. For several years, Russ provided invaluable counsel to me on tax, entitlement and spending policy and worked with me to author three federal fiscal year budgets.

When I was elected Chairman of the Republican Study Committee for the 110th Congress, I asked Russ to become the committee's Executive Director. Russ worked with me and the 100-plus members of the committee with integrity and an unwavering devotion to the conservative principles that we share.

At the beginning of the 111th Congress, my friend Chairman MIKE PENCE asked Russ to serve the House Republican Conference as his Policy Director. In addition to managing the Conference's policy staff, which is the main hub of information and analysis for all Republican House Members and their staff, he serves as its principal advisor on a broad range of issues, specializing in budget, appropriations, Social Security, legislative procedure, and entitlements.

As Russ' work with me and my colleagues comes to a close, I reflect most fondly upon the unpopular and lonely legislative battles that we faced together. As a wise person once said, "True friendship isn't about being there when it's convenient; it's about being there when it's not."

I take heart knowing that Russ's service to the cause of liberty will continue in whichever path he chooses for his life. He personifies the conservative movement and his devotion to the constitutional, limited government principles is second-to-none.

Madam Speaker, I wish my conservative brother and, most importantly, my friend Russ Vought, best wishes for the future.

HONORING THE COMMISSIONING
OF THE USS MISSOURI

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the commissioning of the USS

Missouri to take place tomorrow, the 31st of July, and to congratulate the crew of the newest addition to the United States naval fleet.

USS Missouri is the nation's newest and most advanced nuclear-powered attack submarine. This vessel was designed to not require refueling during the life of the ship—a feature that will reduce lifecycle costs while increasing underway time.

The Missouri is 377 feet long and 34 feet wide, and is capable of traveling in both shallow and deep waters. Specially designed for undersea warfare, she can dive deeper than 800 feet and is capable of operating speeds exceeding 25 knots while submerged.

Weighing 7,800 tons, Missouri is a Virginia-class submarine engineered to excel in anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, special operations missions, strike, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, carrier and expeditionary strike group support, and mine warfare missions.

The soon-to-be-commissioned submarine embodies five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities including sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence.

The seventh of the Virginia-class of submarines to join the U.S. Navy, the Missouri was built under a teaming arrangement by General Dynamics Electric Boat and Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News.

She is scheduled to be commissioned on July 31st at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, CT, and will join Submarine Squadron 4 under the leadership of Commander Timothy Rexrode with a crew totalling 134 officers and enlisted personnel.

Following the commissioning of the Missouri on Saturday, she will be the fifth Navy ship to bear the name honoring the "Show Me State." The fourth such ship was the famous battleship which served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Persian Gulf War. It was aboard this predecessor of the Missouri that the United States and Allied officers, among them Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, accepted the unconditional surrender of Japanese forces marking the end of World War II on September 2, 1945.

The people of the great state of Missouri are proud to have a fantastic new ship bearing our state's name. It honors our state and the many men and women from Missouri who proudly serve in the United States Armed Forces.

We expect great accomplishments and a life of unwavering loyalty and service from the newest USS Missouri. It is with great honor that I welcome the USS Missouri to our nation's fleet, the best submarine in the strongest navy in the world.

INTRODUCTION OF A CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE
SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON
THE CLOSURE OF THE MAIN EN-
TRANCE OF THE SUPREME
COURT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution expressing the

sense of Congress, and, I believe, of the American people, that every American have the opportunity to enter the Supreme Court through its main entrance, as they have been permitted to do since the building first opened.

Our founders vested the Supreme Court with the judicial power of our nation, and gave it the charge to dispense justice. Since 1935, visitors have climbed the marble steps of the Supreme Court and entered the nation's temple of justice through its main entrance, under the words "Equal Justice Under Law." Chief Justice John Roberts, during his confirmation hearing, described the "lump in his throat" that formed every time he walked up those marble steps and through that main entrance.

Millions of Americans and visitors from around the world have stepped through those doors to watch the Court work in openness, and to pay tribute to a nation not of men, but of laws.

On May 3, 2010, Chief Justice Roberts announced that the Supreme Court would no longer allow visitors to enter through the main doors of the Supreme Court, closing the main entrance for the first time in nearly 75 years.

Justice Stephen Breyer, joined by Justice Ginsberg, expressed his concern about the closure, stating, "To many members of the public, this Court's main entrance and front steps are not only a means to, but also a metaphor for, access to the Court itself."

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in sending a clear message that access to this most vital symbol of transparency and openness should not be restricted.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWN-
SHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize South Middleton Township, Pennsylvania on its 200th Birthday.

Established in 1810, South Middleton Township is comprised of approximately 52 square miles and has a population of almost 14,500. A wonderful community in which to live, work, and play, the Township is bordered on the north by Carlisle Borough, North Middleton Township, and Middlesex Township. To the east is Monroe Township and to the south are York and Adams Counties. Dickinson Township borders South Middleton to the west. The Township is predominantly a rural farming community and forested area. Approximately 75 percent of the land is used for farming, forest, or woodland. South Middleton Township was created when the area known as Middleton was divided into North Middleton and South Middleton. The governing body consists of five elected supervisors and an appointed township manager.

Madam Speaker, the observance of the 200th Birthday of South Middleton Township provides a special opportunity to pay tribute to the citizens of the township, past and present, who have contributed immeasurably to the township's wonderful quality of life. South Middleton Township will be celebrating the Bicentennial all summer long with parades, picnics, and events at local venues. Over Memorial